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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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For: METHOD OF INHIBITING HIV INFECTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly preliminarily amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claims.

--21. The method according to claim 8 further comprising contacting said cells with a reverse transcriptase inhibitor or a compound, different from said agent, that blocks receptors for HIV infection on said cells.

22. The method according to claim 16 further comprising contacting said mononuclear phagocyte with a reverse transcriptase inhibitor or a compound, different from said anti-CD44 antibody, that blocks receptors for HIV infection on said mononuclear phagocyte.